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EDITORIAL: NOBODY CAN DO IT FOR US

With our Annual Meeting shortly upon us and a new year of activity about to begin, we should stop and take stock. Where are we going? What do recent events point up? What should our guide posts to the future be?

THE CHALLENGE

We are certainly living in an era of great social upheaval. Witness the many peace drives, campus rioting, burned down neighborhoods, more permissiveness in almost all social and cultural areas, many and greater expectations turning into demands, frequent manifestations of anti-authoritarianism, and striking home, ever increasing doses of "physician baiting". Change seems to be the order of the day. Properly directed change is good, for rigidity and inflexibility almost always lead to the maintenance of the *status quo.* With *status quo* comes *stasis* and then invariably *retrogression.* Any organization which comes to a standstill has already begun to decay and die.

It certainly should come as no revelation to any of us that currently there is a growing movement to place medical leadership, standards, and goals in the hands of those outside of the medical profession. The opposition thrives in painting the followers of the art of medicine as not being too interested in the public good and as being too vested and prejudiced in their thinking and endeavors. This seeming conspiracy is highly aware that "public opinion is the most powerful determinant and the ultimate force that in the long run will determine the social, economic, and political course in this country" and along with it the destiny of health care.

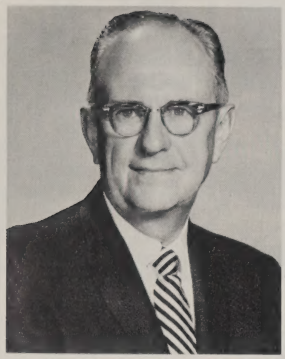
YOUR ROLE

The answer to this challenge is obviously greater and more dedicated participation and assumption of leadership by physicians through their medical societies – on all levels – in the planning of the inevitable changes to come. The future of each individual physician depends on the future of organized medicine. On the other hand, the future of organized medicine depends on each physician's attitudes and activities since organized medicine is nothing more than the total of its members. Moreover, no policy, opinion, or goal has any verity unless it is reflected in the personal and professional lives of its members.

Our common bond is our profession, and the instrument through which our profession can fill the role of physician to society as a whole is a unified medical society. No longer can we, individually or as a group, place our heads in the sands of *status quo.* There can be no toleration for just sitting on the sidelines "Sunday quarterbacking", criticizing and complaining. We must drop our psendo-sanctifying mantles of defensiveness and put on the armor of righteous aggressiveness with an all out program for positive action under a banner of unified thought and all out participation. Each one of us must extend ourselves more by keeping abreast of issues not only in the community but also in our Society. Secondly but equally important, we must communicate our thoughts to our Society's officers and committees as well as our elected representatives to state and national organizations. Moreover, each one of us in his own way must communicate our unified thoughts to the public being ever mindful of the old adage that "action speaks louder than words". Abraham Lincoln once said: "Public sentiment is everything; with public sentiment, nothing can fail; without it, nothing can succeed. He who molds opinion is greater than he who enacts laws."

If today's and tomorrow's medical profession is to be strengthened, then the job is for each and everyone of us in the medical profession to contribute his share. Nobody can do it for us! Nobody else is even trying!

Ayres



President's Page

Aloha!

This, my last message, leaves me a little sad as I view the future of organized medicine. Perhaps, it is just a manifestation of the unrest of the times – a revolt against the "Establishment". Or are there other reasons why so many young men and some not so young are avoiding membership in the A.M.A.?

As individual physicians, we have little influence in an organized society of labor unions, legislative bodies, government agencies, etc. It seems simple to me that the only chance we have for future professional security lies in having a strong organizational instrument with the power to represent us at all levels.

It has been popular to criticize the A.M.A. when things go wrong, but never forget that our organization has been a potent force, a bulwark against quackery, and a strong influence on medical education and medical practice. A member of such a body is able to influence its direction and purpose. If you don't belong, you become a "sitting duck" and literally an impotent force in professional medicine.

It is a time of decision for many of you, and membership in the A.M.A. is worth every dime spent on dues. It gives you a prime opportunity to influence your future professional life. It takes real courage to "belong" and fight for your future rights. It may also require some sacrifice on your part. I hope in the future you can look back and say: "I am proud of my decision to support organized medicine and all that it stands for, in good times and bad."

This past year has been most interesting and productive with the *Health Fair '69* being the highlight. It was quite a show and represented community effort at its best. Combatting drug abuse has been a great effort of the Society and must be strongly continued.

I am thankful for all the assistance I have received during the past year, and I'm sure it will continue with your incoming President.

Wayne C. Barnes, M.D.

HDMS COMMITTEES ANNUAL REPORTS 1968-1969

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Since being elevated to the position of Secretary of our District Society from the Assistant Secretary's position this term, I have become ever more appreciative of the smooth manner in which Dr. John Griffin, our former Secretary, was able to conduct the business of our Society.

The volume of mail and phone calls coming into headquarters continues to run high, sometimes at staggering levels, and much of it requires immediate attention. Fortunately, our full-time Executive Secretary, Mrs. Purdy, acts for the District Society in many of the routine matters and serves as its representative at many of the regular and exploratory meetings with state and federal agencies, voluntary groups and those organizations under the poverty program which require medical assistance and/or advice. Telephone complaints and requests for general medical information or for specific doctor recommendations continue to be received from the public every day and are handled efficiently, judiciously, and ethically by this capable lady with a need to refer only a small minority of technical or difficult calls to me or to my Assistant Secretary, Dr. Maurice Boivin, whom I wish to thank for exemplary assistance.

The headquarter's office has been particularly busy this year with matters concerning the *Health Fair,* the Welfare Department, the Concentrated Employment Program, the Connecticut Valley Regional Health Planning Program, Medicaid, Blue Cross and many, many others. The Annual Reports of the various committee chairmen published herewith and those which may be delivered at the Annual Meeting attest to the energetic activities of many of our busy committees. Attendance by our membership at the quarterly dinner meetings continues at a high level and we were fortunate indeed to have Dr. John Norcross, President of the Massachusetts Medical Society, speak to us on matters of mutual interest in February.

During the past year there were eleven deaths and one physician dropped from the rolls of the Society because of transfer. Fourteen new members were received including four transfers, and there are now 420 active and 86 senior members in the Society.

Bruce B. Stoler, M.D.
Secretary

EXECUTIVE-GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

The Executive-Grievance Committee of our District Society met monthly except during July and August this year to consider those matters of concern to the Society as reported to the membership in the "Executive Committee Highlights" of *The Hampden Hippocrat* each month. Matters on which the Executive Committee required additional quidance before they could be acted upon were either referred to study committees or to the membership at the District Meetings. During the year thirty written grievances against members of this Society were received from patients, third party payers and other doctors. Most of these were considered and resolved by this Committee and approximately half were decided in favor of the doctor.

Bruce B. Stoler, M.D.
Secretary

BLUE SHIELD COMMITTEE

The activity of the Blue Shield Committee in the past year has involved a series of meetings locally and in Boston at the Blue Shield headquarters in regard to gradual changes in the past year of which you have all been informed independently by the Massachusetts Medical Service.

The Blue Shield Committee has also managed multiple individual problems, informational and otherwise, mostly through correspondence and individual discussions with the people involved in an amicable fashion without raising any of the issues to the Executive Committee level.

It is very clear that by mid-February, 1969, Medicare payments and Blue Shield payments are based on the average charges submitted during 1967.

These do not change unless they exceed customary charges plus one standard deviation as calculated by all physicians and dentists of similar training and experience in Massachusetts or within local areas in Massachusetts. This has gradually been implemented as the contracts for major industry become changed and renegotiated.

These new contracts involve an eighty per cent contract where the physician, under the income limits of the patient, can charge the balance or under the ninty-five per cent limit where the Massachusetts Medical Service has agreed to accept this as full payment.

We expect more changes. It is very clear that our legislators will gradually incorporate other programs into the multiple existing complex. It is very clear, indeed, that we will end up with a plan "X". Hopefully, over the course of the next few years, the development and standardization of Blue Shield programs can be carried out to the maximum benefit of service to the public but still maintain fairness and independence of private medical practice.

Walter D. Carver, M.D.
Chairman

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BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

It was necessary for the By-Laws Committee to make only one change during the year to make our By-laws comply with a change in the State Society By-Laws. This change increases the number of Councilors from a district by reason of making state officers eligible to retain their status as councilors.

Harry Memery, M.D.
Chairman

DISASTER MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

This Committee had several meetings during the year to coordinate activities between the city of Springfield and the local hospitals in the event of a civil disturbance. These meetings resulted in an improved understanding on the part of the hospitals and incorporation in their disaster plans of the notification system currently in use by the City. I want to thank everyone concerned for their cooperation and participation during this past year.

William J. Cummings, M.D.
Chairman

BOARD OF EDITORS

With the submission of this report *The Hampden Hippocrat* completes twenty-seven years of publication on behalf of the HDMS. During 1968-1969, the *Hippocrat* continued to appear monthly except for July and August with all issues consisting of 32 pages. Besides serving as a news bulletin and a sounding board for the Society and its Woman's Auxiliary, the *Hippocrat* has striven to present various views on local, state, and national issues and developments such as: Medicaid, area health planning, Blue Shield, etc. The traditional "special theme" issues included: the Woman's Auxiliary, Paramedical Training Programs, Religion and Ethics, Health Fair '69, and Legislation. After somewhat of a recess, publication of articles on hobbies of Hampden physicians was resumed – "A Do-It-Yourself Bahamian Out Island Cruise" and "Aficionado Svenska." The "picture story" feature included the "White Cap Ball '68." With the March issue, a Table of Contents has been added along with a new masthead and new seal for the *Hippocrat*.

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High praise and gratitude are certainly in order not only for the Board of Editors but also for the various Society's committee chairmen and their respective committee members as well as specially invited contributors who submitted excellent and informative items. During the year, Dr. Robert M. Abrams of Holyoke was named to the Board of Editors as an Associate Editor filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Dr. Richard J. Maher. The recent resignations of Dr. Frank F. Hurley and Dr. Donald R. Hayes from the Board of Editors have been received with great regret for these two have long served the *Hippocrat* faithfully. It is hoped that the vacancies created thereby will be filled in the immediate future.

Financially, the *Hippocrat* again has experienced a gloomy year. For the second year in a row, reserves have had to be tapped to pay for "placing the *Hippocrat* in your hands." Although costs per se did not rise as seems to be the universal trend of late, receipts from advertising have come down because of resistance on the part of not only national but even of local advertisers to a certain extent. In the latter instance, great efforts are constantly being exerted by Mrs. Willard, the Advertising Director, but reinforcement is needed from every member of the Society by putting in a good word for the *Hippocrat* in each and every contact with an advertiser – actual or potential – and contacting us in regard to prospects. Can it be true that advertisers shun local medical society bulletins because the circulation is limited, even though highly select, and membership interest is not of the optimum?

Deficit financing can not continue indefinitely even though this may be the style in certain circles. The *Hippocrat* has always payed its own way through receipts from advertising and firmly intends to continue in the same tradition. Monetary subsidy from the parent HDMS would be the last resort, but assistance in procuring adequate and appropriate advertising would be greatfully received as a primary effort.

Since the *Hippocrat* is your Society's bulletin, it is also the bulletin for and of each individual member thereof. Therefore, we urge and implore you to send us your ideas, views, suggestions, questions, and, indeed your criticisms and complaints. You are the "grassroots" of medicine: hence, share whatever is on your mind with your fellow grubbers as well as with those seemingly on more ethereal levels through the pages of the *Hippocrat.* Only through communication and more communication can progress be made.

Indebtedness to many people for their assistance and cooperation is a way of life to the *Hippocrat's* Board of Editors. It would be impossible to extend thanks to each individually, and it would be potentially slighting to especially single out certain ones. Hence, our deepest and sincerest gratitude to you one and all, in a measure best assayed by you, yourself.

John C. Ayres, M.D.
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INSURANCE, LABOR RELATIONS, INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT COMMITTEE

The first half of the year was quiet for this committee, with no action required. Recent months began to suggest that the private insurance carriers have latched on to the phrase "payment of 95% of usual customary and reasonable fees". Connecticut General is underwriting a contract negotiated between United Aircraft and their unions, in which this concept of 95% payment is the prominent feature. A source of annoyance for members of our Society in past years as regards United Aircraft insurance coverage seems to have been lessened in that the new insurance form for this company has a place for the patient to assign benefits directly to the physician.

Since management, unions, and insurance companies invariably base their negotiations for medical payments on some form of a fee schedule, and since the Massachusetts Medical Society continued to struggle through another year without the creation of a statewide fee schedule, it would seem advisable that, within our own District Society, we should strive to keep our relative value fee schedule as up to date as possible. Deficiencies, errors, and charges considered by any member of the Society not to be in keeping with the times that are found in our relative value fee schedule should be called to the attention of the Chairman of the Committee.

Joseph R. Kelly, M.D.
Chairman

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Several legislative meetings have been held through the year, both on the State level in Boston and the District level at District headquarters.

Ninety-six bills, currently before the General Court, were studied and discussed at these various meetings. Of these, twenty-nine bills will be supported by the Massachusetts Medical Society, twenty-eight opposed, and on the remainder, no action taken because they do not concern us directly.

A resume of the more important bills, and our stand on them, was published in the last issue of the *Hippocrat,* and more information on any bills pending may be obtained by interested parties from the undersigned.

Karel J. Susat, M.D.
Chairman

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TIME: TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 1969
Business meeting at 6:00 p.m. followed by
Social Hour at 7:00 p.m. and
*Dinner (Courtesy of Society) at 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: SHAKER FARMS
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AGENDA: Annual Report of Officers and Committees
Election of Officers

YOUR PRESENCE IS URGENTLY REQUESTED

Bruce B. Stoler MD

BRUCE B. STOLER, M.D., *Secretary*

*If you must cancel your dinner reservation, please do so before noon on April 22, 1969.

MALPRACTICE & MEDICO-LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Meetings of the Malpractice and Medico-Legal Affairs Committee were held in November of 1968 and March, 1969.

The problems brought to the attention of the Committee were discussed and resolved as best as could be by this committee.

John J. Burke, M.D.
Chairman

MEDICO-RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE

The Medico-Religious Committee has been requested by Dr. Barnes to assist in carrying out the major project of the Hampden District Medical Society for the current year – namely "Drug Use and Abuse".

Meetings have been held to explore the possibility of setting up drug information and counseling centers in the Springfield areas considered to be most involved with the problem.

Members of your committee attended a one day Conference sponsored by the Drug Addiction Rehabilitation Board of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts held in Framingham, Massachusetts on March 12, 1969. Valuable information relative to the project was obtained at this symposium.

It is hoped that this committee, working through Dr. Barnes and Dr. Suzor, will aid the Society in the advancement of its program, not only for the current year but also in the forseeable future.

Leroy J. Kendrew, M.D.
Chairman

MEMBERS INSURANCE COMMITTEE

The several group insurance plans sponsored by the Hampden District Medical Society have functioned very satisfactorily in the past year. The health and accident insurance policy administered by the Burdick Company continues to function well. A group life insurance policy and also a business overhead insurance policy administered by the Lessere-Wertheim Company remain in force and are very satisfactory. Our newest program started a year ago was a personal catastrophe policy, often referred to as "an umbrella policy", is administered by Field-Eddy-Buckley Company.

The policy of the Members' Insurance Committee has been to make available to our members those insurance programs which prove advantageous on a group basis as compared to individual policies. Furthermore since the success of any group insurance program depends on adequate support by the membership, the Committee seeks to avoid overlapping of insurance programs which are too similar.

H. Bernard Tillman, M.D.
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MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Mental Health Committee concentrated its activities this past year on a problem confronting 25-50% of our school children; that is, the problem of "Learning Disability".

To properly orient our committee members, as well as the pediatricians, generalists, psychiatrists, and educators, two combined meetings were held with the above groups addressed by two experts in this field:

July 10, 1968 – Dr. James Cavanaugh.
September 11, 1968 – Dr. B. C. Reed, Jr.

Copies of their addresses were sent to all concerned. These speakers pointed out the magnitude of the problem, suggested techniques for identification, and then enlarged upon a remedial approach.

The need for cooperative action on the part of physicians, educators, and public health officials was stressed.

Since the early meeting, we have become aware that the Massachusetts Medical Society through its committees on Public Health and School Health has undertaken this task and has spent considerable time and effort in planning for action on a statewide program. Hopefully, this will involve the State Department of Education, the Department of Mental Health, and the Department of Public Health as well as physicians of the Society.

A conference was held with Dr. M. Phillip Wakstein, the newly appointed director of the proposed Mental Retardation Center in Springfield. The facilities of our committee and society were offered to Dr. Wakstein as a media through which Dr. Wakstein could exchange viewpoints and enlighten our profession of anticipated activity in which the medical profession will play a part. The Mental Health Committee offered to serve in the capacity of consultant in medical matters to this unit should Dr. Wakstein need and desire this help.

It is my hope that next year's committee will continue to remain active in the field of "Learning Disability" at least until the program has been set into action. The need in this area is great. The public and the educators want and must have our cooperation.

H. H. Shuman, M.D.
Chairman

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

The activities of this committee have centered around the production of *Health Fair '69 – Your Health, Your Responsibility* which is to be held March 27-30. This is a joint venture with the support of the J.C.A. which at the time of this writing has not yet come to fruition. The report of this will be filed separately, when it is complete.

Our other activities in the field of sex education have continued with increasing demand for speakers on these subjects. We have had no contact during the past year with Springfield School Department regarding either the Headstart Program or activities of the Office of Psychological Testing under Dr. English. These are areas where we offered help and guidance to the school personnel, but there have been no requests.

Robert A. Sears, M.D.
Chairman

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PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Good public relations depends on the performance of the entire medical team, not just a few "stars". The entire Hampden District Medical Society huddled, shifted, and executed its plays well during the 1968-1969 season.

The kickoff was in Chicago at the A.M.A. Communication Institute in August, 1968, where the plays were introduced. Then followed their execution:

1. The emergency medical care on a round the clock basis received only 2 minor penalties by the press. Our coverage was fine, and the telephone exchange improved its signal calling.
2. The Grievance Committee heard the patients' complaints with sincerety and sympathy. Disputes were justly handled and fair decisions were rendered. The Committee protects the honest and capable physician as much as it does the patient.
3. Development of good working relations with the press, radio, and TV requires a long range program. There had been a mutual understanding between the press and the profession in certain endeavors for which we are grateful. The news media met at my home in Nov., 1968, promising complete cooperation in attacking the dilemma of "Drug Abuse".
4. Our Speakers' Bureau knew about "Youths Defection to Drugs" and 18 speakers covered the stages of at least 25 junior high and high schools warning the students to "Keep off the Grass". Meeting these students face to face often required 2 or 3 sessions.

   A panel on "Drug Abuse", including a priest, physician, lawyer, pharmacist and 2 inmates of Northampton Drug Addiction Rehabilitation Board made an hour tape at station WSPR. This is presently being edited.

   My monumental task was dwarfed by a giant – Dr. Leroy Kendrew. Sex education and venereal disease were kept on the Speakers' Bureau's agenda but played a minor role in the face of our extensive drug abuse program.
5. The Health Fair 1969 was not initiated by this committee but why should it be as long as we have talented men like Dr. Robert Sears scoring at will during the final and crucial quarter of our great game – "Public Relations".

Lester G. Susor, M.D.
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SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

During the year 1968 the Committee received 22 completed applications from students accepted for admission or enrolled in schools of nursing, pharmacy, and medicine. This year no applications were received from students of pharmacy. Our final awards went to three medical students and two nursing school students: (1) Normand Francis Tremblay, a third year student at the University of Vermont College of Medicine; (2) Robert Joseph Cavanaugh, first year student at The Creighton University School of Medicine; (3) Paul Louis McCarthy, junior at Georgetown University School of Medicine; (4) Diane Louise Lessard, freshman at Lowell State College School of Nursing; (5) Mary Regina Dugan, freshman at Providence Hospital School of Nursing. Mr. Tremblay received a grant last year, and his need for financial support has continued. All committee members agreed that we should continue to help this young man who has already shown excellent promise and continues to need financial assistance.

A total of $1,114.62 was distributed in scholarship grants as the total income realized from the Society's fund of $22,969.01, invested as a separate fund under the supervision of the Treasurer of the Massachusetts Medical Society and of the Board of Directors of the Charitable and Educational Fund of the Massachusetts Medical Society.

At the time of this report, we have received 4 scholarship applications for 1969. The Committee hopes that all Society members realize the opportunity which we have in these scholarships to interest future physicians, nurses, and pharmacists to return to this area to practice.

B. Lincoln Wales, Jr., M.D.
Chairman

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY COMMITTEE

This year the Woman's Auxiliary program has again shown what will result from carefully thought out plans and hard work. Their schedule of events was interesting and varied and certainly complimented the work of the District Society. From its' opening luncheon through to the *Health Fair,* the women have agressively shown that they are an integral part of our Society.

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IN MEMORIAM

ARTHUR L. KINNE, M.D.

1892-1969

Dr. Arthur L. Kinne of 40 Longfellow Road, Holyoke, died at the Baker Memorial Hospital (Mass. General Hospital) in Boston on March 26, 1969.

Born in Holyoke on June 1, 1892, Dr. Kinne attended local schools, graduated from Dartmouth College in 1912, and received his doctorate in medicine from the John Hopkins Medical School in 1916. After interning at the Boston City Hospital and the Long Island Hospital (Boston), he returned in 1918 to his native city where he engaged in the private practice of general medicine with emphasis on obstetrics until his retirement in 1968.

Dr. Kinne served on the staff of the Holyoke Hospital for 50 years, was an officer in various capacities thereof, and was made a member of the Board of Directors in 1951. Moreover, he was the Medical Examiner for the Third Hampden District for many years. He was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a member of the AMA, MMS, and HDMS.

Deepest sympathy is hereby extended to his family and to his many friends and associates.

IN MEMORIAM

HONORIA K. SHINE, M.D.

1887-1969

Dr. Honoria Kennelly Shine of 78 Nonotuck Street, Holyoke, died at the Providence Hospital on February 25, 1969.

Born in Holyoke, Mass., on December 29, 1887, Dr. Shine was educated in local schools, graduated from Trinity College, Washington, D.C., in 1909, and received her doctorate in medicine from the Women's Medical School, Philadelphia, Pa., in 1913. After completing her internship at the New York Infirmary for Women and Children, New York City, in 1914, she returned to her native city and engaged in the general practice of medicine and pediatrics until her retirement a year ago.

Dr. Shine had served on the medical staff of the Providence Hospital since 1917 and was the first woman physician appointed thereon. She served her native community for many years devotedly in various capacities promoting the health and welfare of the children, and in recognition of same as well as other endeavors her "alma mater", Trinity College of Washington, D.C. bestowed an honorary degree of doctor of science upon her in 1959. She was a member of the AMA, MMS, and HDMS.

Deepest sympathy is hereby extended to her family and to her many friends and associates.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The March 18th meeting of the HDMS Executive Committee was called to order by President Barnes at 8:10 P.M. Present were: Drs. Barnes, Kelly, Sullivan, Wiedman, Mozden, Beauchamp, Jr., Stoler, Bovin, and Mrs. Purdy.

The minutes of the February meeting were read by Dr. Stoler and approved as read.

CORRESPONDENCE

A request from Mrs. Corey of the American Cancer Society for HDMS sponsorship of the ACS program for self-examination of the female breast to be conducted on the premises of the Springfield Municipal Hospital on April 11 and 12 was approved.

A request from Mr. Emil Latat of the Chester Action Committee for information on how to go about obtaining a physician for Chester, Mass., will be answered by the Secretary and the request will be promulgated to the membership in the next *Newsletter.*

A request from Dr. Gephart, Secretary of the MMS, for names of HDMS members willing to serve on MMS committees during the coming year will be answered following solicitation of the membership via the *Newsletter.*

A letter from Dr. Boss, Jr., requesting relief from the local Welfare Department's requirement to furnish a copy of a consultation before authorizing payment was referred to Dr. Roberts, Medical Advisor to the Welfare Department, for corrective action with the notation that the Executive Committee feels that this is an unwarranted violation of patient-doctor relationship and that the HDMS will back him in an approach to the State on this matter, if necessary.

A letter from the Editor of the *Hippocrat,* Dr. Ayres, nominating Dr. Zadworny as an Associate Editor was unanimously approved and his appointment confirmed.

OLD BUSINESS

The members of the Interhospital and Community Health Planning Committee have been named by Dr. Barnes. Doctor Mozden, Chairman, has called his first meeting for March 31 at 8 p.m. This Committee will take up a consideration of the future of the Western Massachusetts Hospital as its first task for the Society and will make its recommendations to the Executive Committee.

The AMA Member Recruitment Committee composed of Drs. Barnes, Hough, and Beauchamp, Jr., has not yet reached its goal of 25 new members from HDMS. The Committee will continue to contact non-members during the coming month.

NEW BUSINESS

The Committee voted to oppose each of the bills now pending before the Mass. General Court which would grant additional privileges to chiropractors and instructed the Secretary to notify each of the legislators representing Hampden of this stand of HDMS and to enclose a summary of the recent report condemning chiropractic as issued by HEW.

The Committee voted to oppose all advertising by commercial laboratories in ethical journals and endorsed a resolution to this effect to be forwarded to Dr. Gephart of MMS. An explanation from Dr. Howard, Acting Executive Vice President of the AMA, of the recent change in AMA Trustee policy to permit such advertising will be requested by the Secretary for presentation at the next meeting.

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Dr. Suzor, Chairman of the Public Relations committee, reported on the recent newspaper controversy over Welfare payments. HDMS has clarified in a front-page answer that these payments were for services rendered during an interval of 18 months to two years, even though they were paid during a six month interval. Dr. Suzor was congratulated by the Committee on his handling of the entire matter and was instructed to let the issue drop unless further articles are initiated by the newspapers.

Dr. Suzor stated that several doctors have contacted him regarding the feasibility of having a full-time PR consultant for HDMS. The Committee instructed the Secretary to contact Mr. John Noonan, PR consultant to MMS, for advice on this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dr. Suzor reported that the Drug Abuse programs sponsored by the PR Committee is meeting with favorable public response and that a recent public meeting was so well attended that some had to be turned away at the door. Radio and television time has been donated by various stations to this matter and additional programs are planned.

Dr. J. Kelly reported on the recent meeting of the Committee on Insurance, Labor Relations and Industrial Accidents. An attempt by the Provident Life and Accident Insurance Co. of Chatanooga, Tennessee, to have physicians in this area accept a check for 96% of charges as full payment was condemned by Dr. Kelly's committee and the Executive Committee concurred, instructing the Secretary to notify the Company to discontinue this coercion and revise the letter accompanying the check to indicate that a physician should bill the patient for the balance. A report on the new Connecticut General Insurance Company's plan for United Aircraft and Hamilton Standard was accepted as informational since the members of HDMS have already been circularized regarding the provisions of the plan.

All Annual Reports were approved by the Committee prior to publishing in the *Hippocrat* as required in by By-Laws. Dr. H. Williams will present the report of the Emergency Medical Service verbally at the Annual Meeting since it contains a recommendation.

The Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

The Grievance Committee then met to consider one grievance. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 p.m., but the Committee remained for an additional 40 minutes to consider some problems of the Springfield Chapter of the American Red Cross pertaining to the Bloodmobile program as presented by Doctor Sullivan for advice.

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SPEAKING

Dr. Rini spoke to Division I, Mass. Podiatry Society.

Dr. Levin-Epstein spoke at Holyoke High School on "The Drug Scene-Its Physical Effects and Psychological Appeal."

Dr. Tauber spoke at St. Matthews in Indian Orchard on "Human Growth and Development."

Dr. Pace Spoke to Rotary Club of Springfield on "Health Fair '69."

Dr. Whiting spoke on "Hazards of Smoking" at Minnechaug High School, Westfield Kiwanis, and B'Nai Jacob.

Dr. Bernstein taped for TV 40-WHYN with District Attorney Matthew Ryan, Attorney O'Teri of Boston, and Probation Officer McCarthy of Holyoke for "Issues, 1969-Marihuana."

Dr. Moriarty was guest speaker at a meeting of Pioneer Valley Medical Technologists.

Dr. Cummings spoke to the Western Mass. Association of Nurse Aneshtetists at Providence Hospital.

Dr. Kendrew spoke at a meeting of the Western Mass. Public Health Association on "Drug Abuse – Escape to Nowhere." Mrs. Purdy spoke at the same meeting on "Health Fair '69".

HOT FLASHES

Drs. Kendrew, Cooper, Janes, Hough and Mrs. Purdy attended the Drug Dependence Conference held in Framingham on March 12.

HDMS GOLF DAY WILL BE HELD AT WYCKOFF COUNTRY CLUB ON June 4. Details to come later.

Dr. Yorzyk was elected Medical Editor of the "New England Journal of Respiratory Therapy."

Dr. Ray Smith attended a pulmonary function seminar in Boston.

Dr. DeLaurentis spoke at Hartford Hospital on "Aortic Aneurysms."

Drs. Ferris, Bloom, and Gerstein attended the Pediatric Postgraduate Conference on "Renal and Genitourinary Disorders" in Miami.

Dr. Rosenbaum contributed a chapter "Examinations of Amniotic Fluids" in a book "Clinical Diagnosis by Laboratory Methods."

Dr. Janes attended a meeting in Boston on "Blood Component Therapy in Blood Banking."

Dr. Zacarian has published a book on "Cryosurgery of Skin Cancer and Cryogenic Techniques in Dermatology."

Dr. DuBois was written up in the February issue of *THE MASSACHUSETTS PHYSICIAN* by Dr. Cooper

Dr. Richard Baldwin has transferred to HDMS. His specialty is internal medicine.

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HDMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, MAY 20 AND JUNE 17

MMS COUNCIL MEETING, BOSTON, MAY 21

MMS ANNUAL MEETING, BOSTON, MAY 27-29

MMS ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FELLOWS, BOSTON, MAY 28

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AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION, MIAMI BEACH, MAY 5-9

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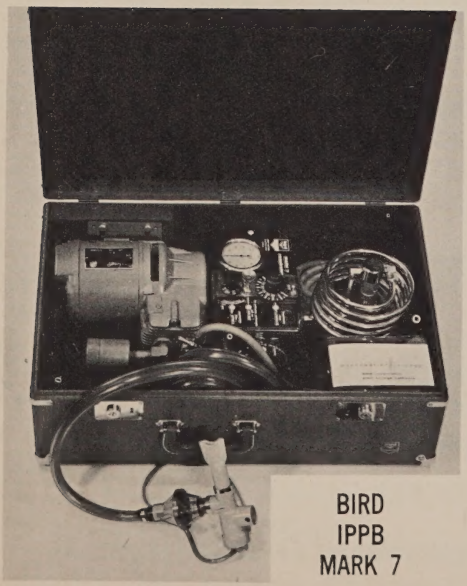

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Tuesday, May 27
ALL-DAY SYMPOSIUM ON DIABETES

8:30 – 9:00	*Physiology of Insulin.* George F. Cahill, Jr., M.D.
9:00 – 9:30	*Insulin and Lipids.* Ronald A. Arky, M.D.
9:30 – 10:00	*Ketoacidosis, Lactic Acidosis, Hyper-Osmolar Coma.* George F. Cahill, Jr., M.D.
10:00 – 10:30	*Diabetes in Children.* Boris Senior, M.D.
11:00 – 11:30	*Diabetes and the Kidney.* Jerome P. Kassirer, M.D.
11:30 – 12:00	*Diabetes and the Nervous System.* John F. Sullivan, M.D.
12 noon – 2:00	**SECTION LUNCHEONS.** Allergy, Anesthesiology, Internal Medicine, Physical Medicine, Radiology.
2:00 – 3:00	Panel: *Surgery of Diabetes.* Allan D. Callow, M.D., Kenneth E. W. Melvin, M.D., Frank C. Wheelock, M.D., Robert F. Bradley, M.D.
3:30 – 4:00	*Infection in the Pregnant Diabetic.* John G. Merselis, Jr., M.D. *Management of the Pregnant Diabetic.* Charles Hoffman, Jr., M.D.
4:00 – 5:00	Panel. *General Principles in Management of Diabetes.* Alexander Marble, M.D., C. Cabell Bailey, M.D., Leo P. Krall, M.D., John B. O'Sullivan, M.D.

Wednesday, May 28

9:00 – 10:30	C. P. C. Benjamin Castleman, M.D.
11:00 – 12:00	The Shattuck Lecture, John R. Ellis, M.D., Dean, London Hospital Medical College
12 noon – 2:00	**SECTION LUNCHEONS.** Dermatology, General Practice, Industrial Health, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics, Physiology and Pathology.
2:00	**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY.**
3:30	Annual Discourse. Franz J. Ingelfinger, M.D.
6:00	Members and Guests Reception.
7:00	Annual Dinner. *The Challenge of Change.* Carl C. Byers.

Thursday, May 29

8:30 – 9:10	*Meningococcal Problems.* Malcolm S. Artenstein, M.D.
9:10 – 9:50	*Clinical Problems of Bacterial Drug Resistance.* Morton Schwartz, M.D.
9:50 – 10:30	*Gram Negative Bacterial Infection.* William R. McCabe, M.D.
11:00 – 12:00	*Fever of Unknown Origin.* Louis Weinstein, M.D.
12 noon – 2:00	**SECTION LUNCHEONS**: Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology, Psychiatry and Neurology, Surgery, Orthopaedic Surgery.

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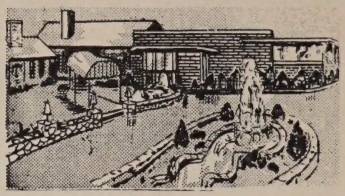

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Highlighting the final day of the Health Fair '69 on March 30 was the presentation of "spiritual bouquets to three physicians celebrating 50 years of practice as members of HDMS. The WAHDMS made these presentations on Doctor's Day to Dr. Harlan W. Angier of Brookfield, Dr. Joseph P. Derby of Springfield, and Dr. Raymond R. Meunier of Springfield. As part of this golden anniversary, presentation of a sum of money in the names of these physicians was transmitted to the AMA Education and Research Fund by the Woman's Auxiliary.

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Returning last year's invitation, the Woman's Auxiliary to the HDMS arranged a joint meeting with the physician members of the HDMS at Valle's Steak House, Springfield, on March 22, 1969. About 120 persons attended along with Mrs. Henry E. Zellman, President of WAMMS, to hear a most timely and poignant talk by Reverend Dr. Paul McCleave, Director of the Department of Medicine and Religion of the AMA.

After a pleasant social hour, a sumptuous meal, and greetings by various and sundry dignitaries, Dr. McCleave espoused on "What Now – Drug Abuse". In his inimitable style, he discussed the problem of drugs in the younger generation, but pointedly stressed the problem of "medicine cabinet addiction" in adults who become dependent on tranquilizers, sleeping pills, and various other drugs. Moreover, he specifically singled out physicians by quoting statistics wherein one out of every 4,000 persons is addicted to drugs, but one out of every 400 physicians is so addicted. To the older generation he said: "We are parents and what we do and what involves our life is what our children accept whether we believe it or not."

To be congratulated and thanked for arranging this lovely evening are Mrs. Walton E. Stevens and Mrs. Frederick A. Flatow, Jr., Chairman and Co-Chairman respectively, as well as Mrs. H. Bernard Tillman, Program Chairman.

Welcome. L. to R.: Dr. Wayne C. Barnes, Pres., HDMS; Mrs. Henry E. Zellmann, Pres., WAMMS; Rev. Dr. Paul B. McCleave, AMA; Mrs. Walter S. Mozden, Pres., WAHDMS.

Greetings from WAMMS via Mrs. Henry E. Zellmann.

"What Now — Drug Abuse" by Rev. Dr. Paul B. McCleave.

"You Wouldn't Believe . . ." L. to R.: Mrs. and Dr. John J. Medrek; Dr. and Mrs. John F. Brennan; Mrs. and Dr. Franco Navazio.

"We Were Just Saying . . ." L. to R.: Dr. and Mrs. Francis A. Kanski; Mrs. and Dr. Charles Atamian; Dr. and Mrs. John J. Zadworny.

"I Know For A Fact . . ." L. to R.: Mrs. Lee Hirsch; Dr. and Mrs. Terry D. Ryan; Mrs. and Dr. Mordecai E. Berkowitz.

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